GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RECRUITMENT OF INDIAN PILOTS IN DOMESTIC AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is still facing acute shortage of trained pilots/commanders/captains;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to encourage the youths to opt for the career as pilots;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the domestic airlines are reluctant to recruit the Indian pilots; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to protect Indian students who opt for the career as pilot?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Yes,Sir.Civil aviation industry in the country is facing a shortage of type rated pilots.

(b)and (c):- Yes, Sir. Government provides Grants in Aid to Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) to subsidise its training.Also it has been decided to establish a world class flying training institute at Gondia,Maharashtra to encourage more youth to opt for aviation as a career.Further,Government through Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Aero Club of India provides trainer aircraft to various flying clubs in order to have more training infrastructure in the country.

(d):- No, Sir.

(e):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation has issued guidelines by way of Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 7,Series G,Part II dated 01.11.2006 which provides that for co-pilot functions,Indian pilots should be trained and employed by the operator.In case,the flight is required to be operated by foreign pilots acting as pilot in command and co-pilot,an Indian pilot is required to be on Board for the training/supernumerary flying.